

## **REMARKS:**

### **I. Introduction**

In the Office Action mailed March 22, 2005, the Examiner subjected claims 1 to 38 to an election requirement. This Response cancels no claims, amends no claims, and adds no new claims. Accordingly, claims 1 to 38 remain pending in this application.

### **II. Election pursuant to 35 USC § 121**

The Examiner has required under 35 USC § 121 an election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner identified the following patentably distinct species of the invention: Species I (FIGS. 1 to 15); Species II (FIGS. 16 and 17); Species III (FIGS. 18 to 20); Species IV (FIGS. 21 and 22); Species VI (FIGS. 23 to 25).

Applicant elects Species II (FIGS. 16 and 17) for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 14, 18 to 24, 26 to 32, and 34 to 38 are readable on the elected species (Species II). Applicant acknowledges that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 USC § 1.141.

### **V. Conclusion**

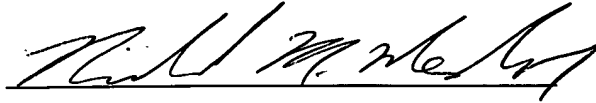
In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is found that the present amendment does not place the application in a condition for allowance, applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the examiner initiate a telephone interview to expedite prosecution of the application.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-2326.

Respectfully submitted,

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